

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at the top of page 7 with the following paragraph:

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In order to form a finished panel, a specific blank size was cut and heated prior to molding. Through reheating of the carpet laminate, the polymeric layer **14** begins wetting out or wicking-in, see **Figures 3 and 4**. This causes the polymeric layer 14 to flow into the tufts **12** and creates voids **15** between the tufts **12**. This is the beginning of the transformation from a non-permeable to a permeable laminate. The voids **15** that are formed in the polymeric layer **14** result in the laminate being permeable. The transformation to the desired permeability was achieved by stretching, molding and curing the heated laminate.

✓ A marked-up copy of the above paragraph, showing insertions, is attached to this Amendment.

In the Claims:

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✓ Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice or disclaimer.